



Weekly Newsletter for Jan 22, 2024

Your PTO—enhancing education and welfare of LHS students and fostering communication throughout the LHS community

Upcoming Events



Jan 22–26

Week 21

- Jan 22 All 2nd Quarter Attendance Appeals forms due in your dean's office by 3:30pm
- Jan 23 School Committee mtg, 6pm
- Jan 24 College financial aid workshop, 7pm
- Jan 25 Transcript request deadline for college applications due 2/15
Parent Discussion Group, 9am

Jan 29–Feb 2 Week 22

- Jan 29 School Site Council mtg, 6pm
- Jan 31 Junior Parent Group mtg, 9am,
Community Center rm 230/232
- Feb 1 Parent Discussion Group, mtg w/
principals, 9am ([Google Meet link](#))
Junior Parent Group mtg, 7pm
LHS Curriculum Night
- Feb 2 Parent Discussion Group social mtg, 9am,
Community Center dining room

Save the date

- Feb 6 Annual Teen Summer Expo, 5:30–8pm,
LHS Cafeteria
- Feb 9 Half day
- Mar 21 Forum: Navigating Life after LHS
- Mar 23 LHS Parent Academy

See the [2023–2024 School Calendar](#) for all of this year's holidays and half-days.

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Weekly Announcements

PTO News

We welcome conversation, questions, and dialogue. Connect with us by email anytime at president@lhspto.org.

Meg Khanolkar and Catherine Telliez, PTO Presidents



What did the LHS PTO do last week?

- Held our biggest forum of the year: **AI in Education**
- Presidents and Treasurers had **mid-year review**

LHS and LPS Announcements

Parent Focus Group for District Review

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has selected Lexington Public Schools to participate in a district review during the 2023–24 school year. The purpose of the district review is to provide formative and actionable feedback on district practices, enabling district leaders to reflect on progress and strengthen staff and student performance.

The AIR (American Institutes for Research, the third party company contracted to run the review) will be conducting a virtual parent/guardian focus group to gather perspectives on communication with families, opportunities for family involvement and leadership, opportunities for students within the district, and more.

- **When:** Wed, Jan 24, 6:30–7:30pm
- **Where:** Online
- **Interested in joining the focus group?** Register [here](#)
- **For more information** on the District Review, see Dr. Hackett's [ParentSquare announcement](#)

Teen Summer Expo Coming to LHS

Attend the annual **Teen Summer Expo at Lexington High School** where you can meet with directors of summer enrichment programs for students in grades 6–12. There are exciting opportunities for every interest, and this event is free and open to everyone. Parents and teens should attend together and may bring friends.

- **When:** Tue, Feb 6, 5:30–8:00pm
- **Where:** LHS Cafeteria
- **For more information** and to pre-register, click [here](#)

Job Opportunity: Adult Proctors for AP Exams

LHS needs proctors for the Advanced Placement Exams for this coming May. This work is compensated, and the schedule is flexible—you choose the days and times that work best for you.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, and have a current CORI check on file with the district. Please note that you cannot proctor if a member of your immediate family or household may be taking an exam, or if you are employed part- or full-time at a test preparation center.

- **When:** AP testing dates between May 6–17
- **If interested, fill out [this google form](#)** by Feb 12
- **For more information**, including compensation rates, email [Danielle](#)

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Legal Planning for Special Needs in Massachusetts

Join us for a seminar with Barbara Jackins, an attorney in Lexington and the parent of an adult son with special needs. She will focus on areas of the law that affect people with disabilities and their families, including special needs planning, public benefits, and guardianship. Barbara has written several books on disability-related topics, including: *Legal Planning for Special Needs in Massachusetts: A Family Guide to SSJ, Guardianship, and Estate Planning*; *Managing a Special Needs Trust: A Guide for Trustees*; and *Moving Out: A Family Guide to Residential Planning for Adults with Disabilities*.

- **When:** Fri, Feb 9, 9:30–11:00am
- **Where:** LPS Central Offices at 146 Maple St.
- **Please RSVP** [here](#)



Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Performing Arts Events

FOLMADS, Friends of Lexington Music Art and Drama Students, is looking for parent and student volunteers for upcoming winter performing and visual arts events, beginning with LHS Follies on Jan 28!

To find out more, and/or to sign up, click [here](#)

LHS Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group (all grades)

- **Next meeting:** Thu, Jan 25, 9am
- **Topic:** Curriculum Night and Junior Parent Night
- **To join the mailing list and receive meeting Zoom links:** Email your full name and the grade(s) of your LHS child(ren) to [Jen Roney](#).

Junior Parent and Caregiver Discussion Group

- **Next meetings:** *Note that both meetings will cover the same material, so you can pick the one that best fits your schedule.*
 - Wed, Jan 31, 9am, Lexington Community Center, rm 230/232
 - Thu, Feb 1, 7pm, online (Zoom link will be posted and emailed)
- **Topic:** *College Visits*, featuring speaker Elise Niler Rowley
- **To join the junior parent group,** [email us](#)

Lexington Community News



Valentine Printmaking Workshop

Come and try your hand at printmaking and create decorative Valentine prints. With a collagraph approach, transform milk cartons into printing plates to make large or small personalized prints—perfect for cards! No previous experience necessary. This event is for ages 16+, and the cost is \$15.

When: Sun, Feb 4, 1–4pm

Where: Munroe Center for the Arts

Register [here](#)

February Break Volunteer Opportunity

Earn some community service hours with the Munroe Center for the Arts! We will have volunteer opportunities during our February School Vacation Camp.

When: Mon, Feb 19–Fri, Feb 23

For more information, contact [MCA Programming Director Rebecca Richards](#)

Community Happenings

Although this LHS PTO newsletter only publishes announcements that are directly related to LHS students and their parents, we will share links to other community events that may be of interest to our readers. Click [here](#) to learn more about upcoming community events.

Useful Links and Resources

LHS PTO Links

- [LHS PTO Homepage](#)
 - [Membership Toolkit Registration Link](#)
 - [Volunteer](#)
 - [LHS PTO on Facebook](#)
 - [Who's on the PTO Board this year](#)
 - [Other Useful Links](#)
 - [LPS 2023–2024 School Calendar](#)
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LHS Links

- LHS [School Calendar 2023–2024](#)
 - LPS [School Calendar 2023–2024](#)
 - LHS [Student Absence Form 2023–2024](#)
 - LHS [Block Schedule](#)
 - No Homework [Calendar](#)
 - LHS [Counseling Department webpage](#)
 - School Committee [webpage](#)
 - Building Committee [webpage](#)
 - LHS Building Project [webpage](#)
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Community Resources

- Cary Library [teen programs](#)
- Lexington Recreation and Community Programs: [classes for children and teens](#)
- Lexington Community Education: [classes on test prep and college planning](#), and [classes for children and teens](#)
- [Munroe Center for the Arts](#)
- [Youth Counseling Connection](#)

Stay Connected

- Athletics [games/meets](#)
 - LHS PTO [website](#) and [Facebook](#) group
 - LHS [Performing Arts Calendar](#)
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